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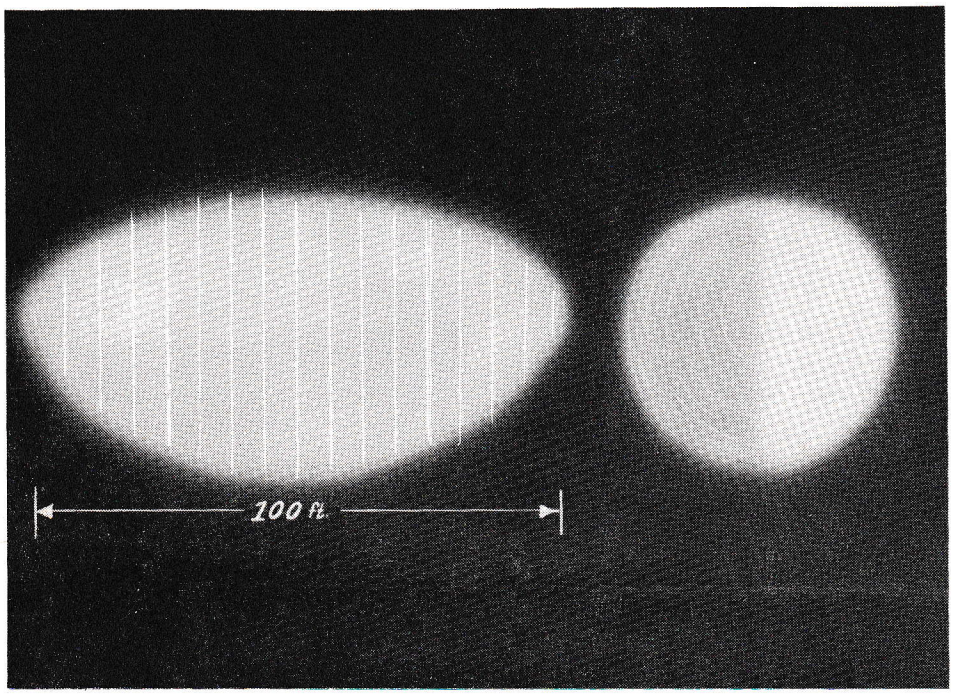
# Merging UFOs Over Long Island




*APRO Field Investigator and artist Dick Ruhl's rendering of the UFO described by the Freeport P.D. Note panels of lights that appeared on object after smaller UFO ascended into belly of larger UFO, which then sped off in 2 to 3 seconds. Object was seen from two different angles by several policemen.*

**By Dick Ruhl**

**[Mr. Ruhl is an artist & photographer & one of APRO's Long Island Field Investigators]**

At approximately 9:00 P.M., November 6, 1973, Patrolman Gary Steinberg and Patrolman Thomas Brown of the Freeport, Long Island Police Department were seated in an unmarked patrol car in a parking lot facing East. Brown was assigned to a 3-wheeled motor scooter which had no heater in it. He asked to sit with Steinberg in the car so he could warm up with a cup of coffee. After a short time, Steinberg asked Brown to look up at the sky near an antenna on a building and asked what that was. Brown looked at it - a bright light, and replied that it was probably the Nassau County P.D. helicopter. Steinberg said, "look again." So Brown did. It had no red and green running lights that are required on aircraft, just a large solid ball of light and it was stationary. They both concluded that it couldn't be the county helicopter because the bright spotlight they use would be shining downward to check the docks and waterfront. They watched for 5 to 10 minutes when it slowly proceeded to go Southeast.

Steinberg said he wanted a closer look and asked Brown to leave the patrol car but keep in radio contact. He started driving in its direction but lost it momentarily behind some factories. Brown still had it in sight, and gave directions over the radio to Steinberg whereupon Brown then lost sight of the light. When first sighted, Steinberg estimated that from the size of the light it must have been only 3 to 4 streets away from the parking lot.

Following directions given by Brown, Steinberg headed for and turned onto the Meadowbrook Parkway heading South. The light was to Steinberg's left about 1/2 mile in front of him over the marshlands. It slowed down and came to a complete stop. The patrol car gained on it and when Steinberg got to within 300 or 400 feet of it, he pulled off the parkway onto the grass. The light was to his left about 700 to 800 feet in altitude.

It now appeared not round, but like a football, round at the bottom and flatter on the top and appeared to be at least 100

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## Car Chase in Canada

Following is the narrative of Mrs. Rick Bouchard (Donna) of Ottawa, Ontario Canada concerning their experience with a UFO on November 8, 1973.

We left Embrum, Ontario to go back to Ottawa at 10:30 p.m. EST. There were five of us in the cab of the truck, Rick, the three kids and myself. We had gone about 2½ miles down highway 417 when Rick saw some lights in his rear-view mirror. He first thought they were cars lights on high beam. He then asked me to look in my rear-view mirror and tell him what I saw. The lights at that time appeared to be at hydro pole height (40 ft.) and because the lights were spinning I could not make out what it was. All of a sudden it dove at the back of the truck. I told Rick to step on it-we were being chased by something. Rick got the truck up to 100 mph but the object stayed right behind the truck.

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## Possible E-M Case in Ohio

The following case was investigated by F.I. Jerry Poling:

At 8:40 p.m., on Sunday the 28th of October 1973, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. (name withheld on request) and their 4 year old daughter, were sitting in the living room of their housetrailer, just north of Belpre, Ohio watching T.V. "McMillan and Wife" had just come on the air at 8:30 p.m. Suddenly the television picture was made to appear as a negative, and the sound from the set became almost inaudible. This was immediately followed by the entire area in the back of the trailer being illuminated as bright as daylight.

Mr. E., who was sitting in a chair facing the back of the trailer, jumped from his chair, exclaiming, "What in the world is that." He then proceeded to go to the back window, which is quite large, and looked outside. It was then

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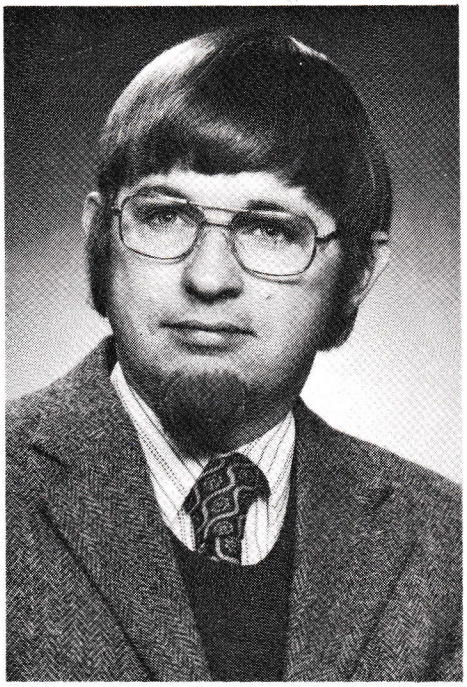

*Dr. Arlan K. Andrews*

The Staff of APRO welcomes Dr. Arlan K. Andrews Sr. to the panel of Scientific Consultants. Dr. Andrews was born in July 1940 at Little Rock, Arkansas. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces in 1964, his Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1966 at the same school. In 1968 Dr. Andrews received his Doctor of Science (Sc.D.), also at New Mexico State University. The title of his M.S. thesis was: "Refractive Concentration and the Thermal Trap Effect", while his Sc. D. dissertation dealt with "The Monte Carlo Method: A Computer Technique for the Determination of Temperatures in Solids".

He has been employed by a large communications company since 1964 and prior to that time, he was a co-operative student in the NMSU-White Sands Missile Range Co-op Program during which time he was part of an optical tracking group.

From 1968 to 1972 Dr. Andrews did heat transfer and mechanical shock and vibration studies in support of the SAFEGUARD program in North Carolina.

Dr. Andrews is a registered Professional engineer in North Carolina since 1969 and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Pi Tau Sigma and Sigma Tau.

It is felt that Dr. Andrews will be a valuable addition to the APRO Consulting staff.

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# Translators

As the membership of APRO grows our corps of translators is growing also. We are pleased to announce that we now have translators available to give us good service in Arabic, Czechoslovakian, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Slavic, Thai and Turkish.

This is an important step ahead as one of our goals hasbeen to get all reports from foreign periodicals into English and into the general reports file. The staff at Headquarters is especially grateful to Beatrice Zimmer, one of our Spanish translators, for the good job she is doing in translating the many reports coming out of Latin America.

# Merging

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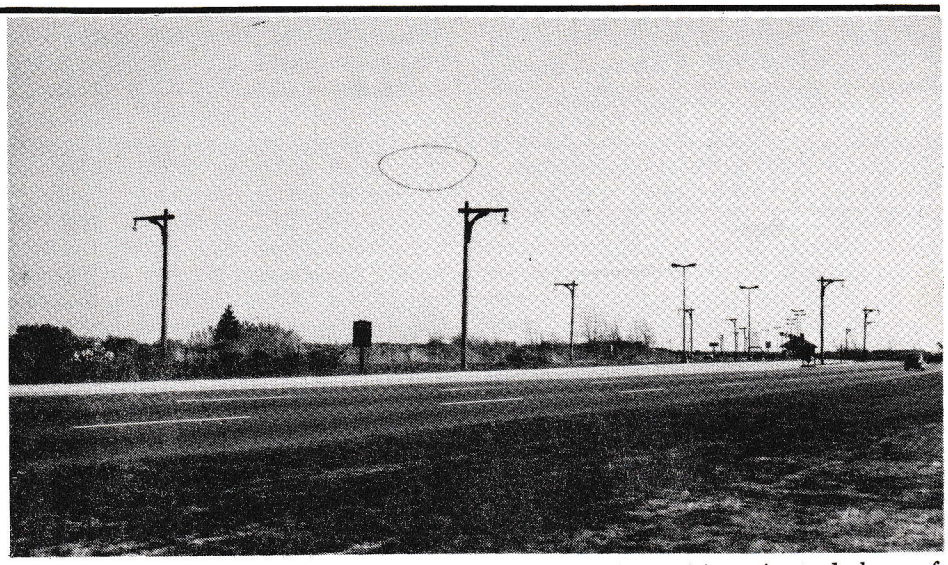
feet long. Steinberg watched it for 10 to 15 minutes. It just stood there. It glowed a silvery blue and every once in awhile it had a yellow-red pulsating tint to it. He watched it for another 10 to 15 minutes when the object started to move off in a Southwesterly direction and went a little higher and moved slowly for about a mile and stopped, then proceeded to move another mile or two very slowly and dropped down a little. He estimated it to be near the Jones Beach area but still over the salt marshes. The UFO stopped again. By now the UFO was to the right or west of Meadowbrook Parkway.

Another glowing UFO, but smaller, came up from Steinberg's right either from the marshes or out of the water. It drifted up slowly toward the larger UFO which again started to move slowly. The smaller UFO came in from below and behind the larger one and entered into the belly or attached itself to the larger one. The smaller one was 1/2 to 1/4 the size of the large UFO. As it attached, the larger UFO dimmed in sections (approximately 16 sections) one after the other. Then it seemed that the power or lights went back on but were not as bright as originally seen, and the object took off in a Southwesterly direction and disappeared in about 2 1/2 seconds.



*A daylight view of the Meadowbrook Pkwy. showing the position, size and shape of the UFO as seen by Patrolman Steinberg of the Freeport Police Dept., the night of Nov. 7, '73, about 9 p.m.*

Patrolman Steinberg saw a jet liner flying near the object and it made the jet look as if it were standing still. "There was no hesitation to its takeoff. It just zipped off about 20 times faster than a jet."

Patrolman Steinberg returned to Main Street where Brown was waiting and said to him, "Tom, you won't believe what I just saw." Brown replied, "I'll believe anything because I know I saw something." They returned to headquarters for the changing of shifts around 12 midnight, and went to the squad-room where they met another police officer (who refuses to be interviewed and identified - I know his identity and spoke with him over the phone). I'll refer to him as Patrolman "X". "X" said, "I'll tell you exactly what you saw." (Steinberg and Brown had said nothing about the details of the sighting yet). Here is the testimony of Patrolman "X" as reported by Steinberg: "I was down at the end of Hudson Avenue and I saw this big brilliant light which looked the size of a basketball in the sky - just stuck there. I watched it for about 10 minutes and it was just standing there. I lined it up with the mast of a sailboat. The mast was perfectly still and this thing was in exactly one spot. Then it took off, slowed down, took off again and something came up from behind it, went into it and it looked like it went into something like the phases of the moon. Then it just took off." Here we have 2 views of the object - Steinberg saw it from the side and "X" saw it head on. "X" also reported that after it dimmed, the light came on full again and the UFO just took off.

The policemen discussed the possibilities that the object (UFO) could be from outer space.

The weather was perfectly clear and jets were going into and leaving Kennedy Airport. There were no sounds from the object. Patrolman Steinberg was in the 42nd Aviation and flew in helicopters. He said this was definitely no chopper or aircraft that he has ever seen. He again said that the UFO was at least 100 ft. long and the smaller UFO approximately 25 ft. and similar in shape and appearance. Steinberg got the impression that the larger UFO was a transport or mother ship and that the

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*APRO Field Investigator, Dick Ruhl, seen here interviewing Patrolman Gary Steinberg, [l], and Patrolman Thomas Brown, [r], of the Freeport Police Dpt., about their Nov. 7, '73 UFO sighting.*

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smaller one could not fly a long distance by itself. (This is purely speculation - Dick Ruhl, F.I.) He felt it was looking for the smaller UFO but did not know exactly where it was. Steinberg bases this judgment on the maneuvers of the larger UFO. He speculated that the smaller one was either deep in the water making some kind of repairs or was waiting for a special time to rendezvous with the mother ship.

Patrolman Steinberg said he would not like to see one land where he would have to do anything about it. "It's nice to see one from the distance, but if it were a secret weapon from the U.S. government, they just might blow your head off in order to keep it secret." He was very emphatic about not getting closer should he ever see another one.

I did a check on what kind of policeman Steinberg is and I can assure the reader that he is not a coward or easily frightened. He has several citations for bravery, is a level-headed cop, and a tough one when necessary. He will not shirk his duty in a dangerous situation and is a good backup for other policemen if needed. He is 37 years old and has 14 years on the force. He is positive of what he saw especially when another patrolman sees the same thing from another angle and several miles away. It was something SOLID.

One odd thing did happen to the patrol car. After the sighting Steinberg noticed that the car lights were not as bright as when he came after the UFO. The lights fluctuated for awhile as if power had been drained from the battery. He thought it might be a faulty alternator but everything functioned normally after awhile.

An interesting fact I'd like to include is that a young woman by the name of Mary E.A. Bruschini of East Norwich, Long Island had seen a similar shaped object over the Muttontown Bird Preserve on Rt. 106 at 1:30 A.M., November 6. She was headed North and was very near to her house when she looked to her left (West) and saw what she believed to be a celestial happening such as an eclipse or some other natural phenomenon in the heavens. She stopped her car and got out to observe this "thing of beauty" as she put it. She expressed no fear as she had no idea what she was watching. Only the color of the object was a deep fuscha and looked about the size of the sun at sunset. She left and went home, tried to get her family out of bed to come and see this sight. They refused, thought she was seeing things and went back to sleep. Miss Bruschini returned to the scene and discovered that the light had gone but it left a pink residue or fog hanging in the air where it had been. She sketched the shape of the object for her family when they awoke and then forgot about it. That is until the Long Island Press newspaper came out that day with a story and a photo of Steinberg and Brown showing a similar sketch. Her grandmother showed Mary the article and insisted she call the police. She did and the police turned her name over to me for further investigation. Oddly enough she saw the object or one similar 19 1/2 hours BEFORE the three Freeport policemen did.

# Chase

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"The object wobbled from side to side and the lights around the bottom spun around the object. (The Bouchards described the wobble as being similar to a kitchen saucer rocking back and fourth on a table top). The object seemed to touch the truck at one point but there was no evidence to prove it. The remaining time it stayed about fifteen feet behind the truck.

"The object backed off twice, once during the chase and at the end of the chase. The first time it pulled back and went up to hydro pole height again and into the bush that ran along the highway. It was gone only a matter of seconds when it appeared behind us again. It came down at us again at a fantastic speed, as if it was coming down a steep hill.

"It stayed behind us all the way into town (the outskirts). The object followed us right under the Anderson Road overpass; it lit up the highway when it went under (the underpass is approx. 15 feet high and 50 feet wide). The object left us when we got to the city limits. It went up to hydro pole height again and toward the bush on the right and the hydro relay station on Russell Road.

"The object appeared to be a drab gold in color or a smoky grey. It was hard to discern because of the brightness of the lights. It had a single dome which had a very fine weaved finish to it and it appeared to me made out of metal. The bottom of the object, where the spinning lights were, protruded slightly. The object was about 10 to 12 feet wide and 8 feet high. (All observations were made through the rear view mirror)."

Our thanks to Field Investigators W.G. Cockdurn and S.W. Raymond for this interview.

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# E-M Case

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that he first noticed the object itself. It appeared as a sharply defined egg-shaped object, and was hovering just over a small barn which is located behind the trailer, and was shining a very bright searchlight onto the barn. It might be noted here that the size of the object was determined from the size of the barn, which is 30 feet long and 20 feet high. The barn was said to be very nearly the same size as the object observed.

Mr. E. then left the window to go outside, thereby losing sight of the object for approximately 30 seconds to 1 minute, although Mrs. E. was still observing the object during this time.

As Mr. E. left the trailer the object turned off the searchlight and moved further back behind the barn over the top of the trees. It was then that he noticed red and green constant running lights about middle ways on the object. The object at this time moved a short distance to his left then back again and remained hovering there.

Mr. E. then had his wife call her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W., who live just two houses below them. They arrived within 5 minutes, bringing with them a large flashlight. Mr. W. then joined Mr. E. outside and together they observed the object. Mr. W. shone the flashlight onto the object and each time he did, the object would move up or down, apparently trying to avoid the light.

The original distance at which the object was observed was approximately 50 feet, and approximately 75 feet after the object moved back behind the barn. At no time did it go behind any object where it could not be seen.

The two men together observed the object for approximately 30 minutes, noting that there was total silence. It was also curious that a kennel of dogs just below the trailer and other dogs in the area that would normally bark at unusual sights and sounds did not make a sound during the entire sighting.

After the two men had observed the object for approximately 30 minutes, the object suddenly rose in the air and flew at a tremendous rate of speed into the southwest and over the horizon.

Mr. E., being a former member of the Air Force, is quite familiar with conventional aircraft, and estimated its speed upon leaving at twice the speed of sound.

The area was searched for grass burns or damage to the barn, but no unusual effects were noticed.

Upon being questioned, other residents of the area reported no knowledge of seeing the object or having any

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interference with their television sets or appliances.

It is Mr. Poling's opinion that both Mr. E. and Mr. W. are very level headed and competent observers and that despite their reluctance originally to report the incident, gave a very honest and complete report of the sighting.

# Occupant Encounter in New Hampshire

The following information is condensed from the very detailed and excellent report submitted by Mr. Walter Webb, one of APRO's Consultants in Astronomy, as well as that of Mrs. Betty Hill, F.I. in New Hampshire.

At 2:45 a.m. on Friday morning, November 2, 1973, Mrs. Lyndia Morel signed out at the Swedish Sauna in Manchester, New Hampshire where she is employed as a masseuse. She then proceeded south in her 1964 Chevrolet Corvair, arriving at Ben Roy's Restaurant on South Willow Street in Manchester, about 10 minutes later, where she had two cups of coffee with a friend from work. After approximately 45 minutes, she and her friend left the restaurant and parted company. Mrs. Morel drove across the street to a gas station and purchased two dollars worth of gas. This episode, according to Mrs. Morel may have taken about 10 minutes.

After crossing the Merrimack River via Queen City Bridge, Mrs. Morel proceeded northwest on Mast Road (Route 114A). As she passed the Bi-Wise Supermarket in Pinardville (outskirts of Manchester), her attention was attracted to a large, bright, yellow light in the sky to her left and ahead of her. Resembling a bright star, the object flashed red, green and blue colors. In fact, the witness couldn't tell at this point if it was moving and thought the object was a planet. Mrs. Morel also was aware of another bright yellowish "star" to the left of the object which undoubtedly was the planet Mars. The UFO was brighter and yellower than the other object.

The witness continued to drive at what she believed was an average speed of about 30 miles per hour although she had no way of checking her speed since the speedometer was broken and disconnected. After traveling about a mile, Mrs. Morel said she looked at the object and saw that it was still in the same position but seemed to be brighter.

Approaching the intersection of Routes 114A and 114, the woman lit a cigarette and at that moment, as she looked at the object, its light went out. Thinking that was peculiar for a planet, she entertained the idea for the first time that the object might be a UFO. However, she was not apprehensive and after passing the intersection the light reappeared in the same spot to the left and ahead of the car.

The road was dark but up ahead on the right Mrs. Morel said she could see the lights of the Hillsborough County Nursing Home (the so-called "county farm") and across the road on the left, the lights of Moore General Hospital. As her car approached the farm, the object's light went out again. Immediately after this disappearance, a couple of cars traveling toward Manchester passed by in the eastbound lane. The witness recalled seeing no other traffic in either lane throughout the rest of the sighting, at least not until after her arrival at the Beaudoin house.

About a half mile from the nursing home, near the Boston and Maine Railroad crossing, the light came back on again, perhaps at an even brighter level. For another two miles the strange object maintained the same appearance and relationship to the Morel car as before.

On the outskirts of Goffstown (population 1050) about where the town's street lights began, the UFO's light vanished once more and after about .7 mile (mileage intervals from Mr. Webb's speedometer) reappeared for perhaps 15 seconds, according to Mrs. Morel. But as she veered right around a corner into downtown Goffstown, the light went out and remained out during the drive of .3 mile through the lighted downtown area.

Veering left at the intersection of Routes 114 and 13 (near a popcorn stand) the witness said she was astounded to see the light dead ahead down North Mast Road (Route 114). The object appeared larger, quite a bit closer, and lower than before and positioned as if waiting for the observer. Mr. Webb had Mrs. Morel indicate the UFO's position and apparent distance and size. His estimate of the elevation/true azimuth was 5°/287-290°. Although she could not really judge how far away or how large the object was the witness pointed out a landmark near where she thought the object might have been, and that was determined by speedometer check to be 1600 feet away. By holding various coins at arm's length, she guessed the UFO's apparent size was as large as a pea.

Mrs. Morel said that she was amazed at what she perceived before her. According to her, the object appeared to be an orange and gold globe completely covered with a honeycomb design of hexagons except for an oval window of paler color situated on the upper left portion of the UFO. The witness thought the object was not totally opaque but had a peculiar translucent quality about it. The flashes of red, green and blue light were rays or beams emanating from a source in the center; these three colors constantly changed back and forth (as in the twinkling of a star). A steady, thin, high-pitched whine was emitted by the object and, according to the woman, this sound was felt through her body as a tingling sensation.

Mrs. Morel said her amazement quickly turned to panic when she suddenly was unable to remove her hands from the steering wheel. Moreover, she reported that she felt her eyes pulled toward the UFO and had the sensation it was taking control of her body and drawing her toward it. When asked about any possible disturbances to the car's electrical system, she said she was not aware of any effects on her automobile's engine, lights or radio which was playing at the time.

At no time during this phase of the sighting did the witness recall stopping her car. However, as she drove forward a "short distance" from the intersection she said she experienced a "loss of memory" (for nearly a half mile). She said she was unaware of driving a stretch between a church on her right and Westlawn Cemetery on her left although she felt her eyes followed the UFO without interruption. After the experience, she speculated that "they" may have retrieved and recorded her memory during this interval.

Suddenly Mrs. Morel said she realized where she was and became cognizant that the car was moving at a high rate of speed and that the vehicle was out of her control. She had the definite impression that the UFO was pulling her car toward it like a magnet and getting closer, its apparent size having increased to an angle subtended by a dime at arm's length. The observer thought the object's actual size was "at least" as big as a large automobile." When Mr. Webb questioned Mrs. Morel closely about the car's increased acceleration, she replied she normally was a slow, careful driver, rarely driving very fast, but did admit she could have unconsciously stepped hard on the pedal from fright although she didn't think that was the case. It was at this point that she noticed the figure in the upper left window.

As the car approached a point opposite the middle of the cemetery the UFO closed possibly to within less than 500 feet (perhaps considerably less) becoming larger than a quarter at arm's length. At the same time the object grew brighter and the whine seemed louder. At this point she estimated the object to be at the height of a three-story building. The figure in the window was now distinct (see drawings by Brian James which accompany this article). Mrs. Morel barely mentioned the occupants in newspaper accounts because she thought it would be too un-

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# Occupant

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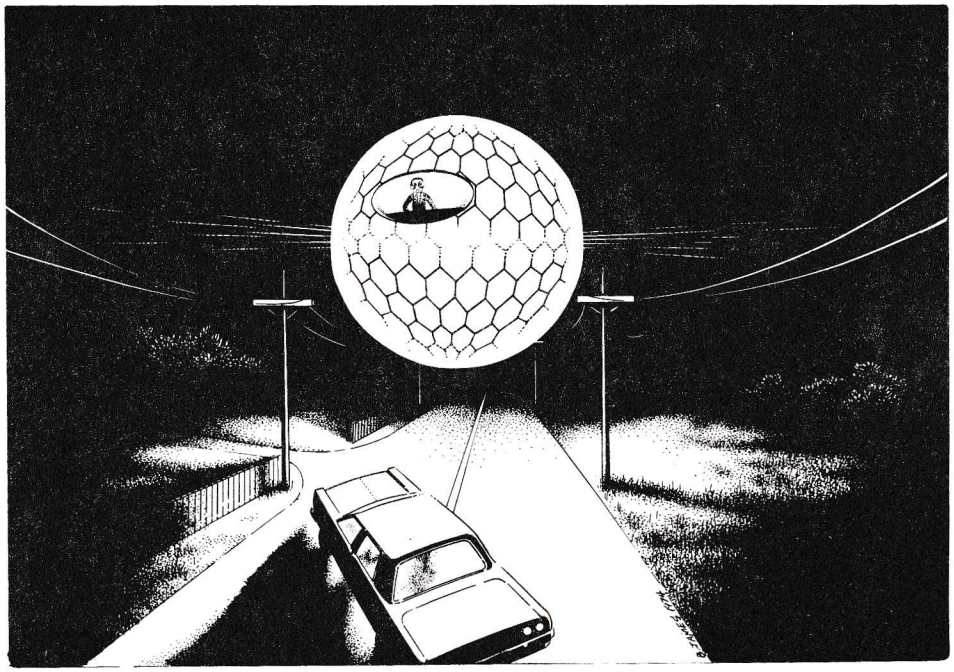

believable and might discredit the whole experience.

Mrs. Morel said that the figure's head, upper body and arms were visible while a dark horizontal surface occupying the lower portion of the oval window obscured the rest of the body. The woman guessed this humanoid could have been standing at a control board of some kind. Behind the figure was a white background. The occupant's body appeared darker than the face, with small shoulders, but it was uncertain whether the body was clothed in a uniform or not. The rounded head was grayish (between a gray and flesh tone) except for a darker color on top, and the face bore wrinkles or loose skin like an elephant's hide. Angling upward across the forehead, two large "egg-shaped" eyes with large dark pupils gripped the observer's attention so much that she felt unable to look away. She said she received an impression or awareness that "told" her "don't be afraid." A mouth-slit turned down at the corners, completed the description of the face. No nose or ears were noticed.

Panic-stricken, Mrs. Morel believed she was in imminent danger of being captured by the UFO. Passing by the cemetery, she spotted a house ahead on the left. The globe became so dazzling that she covered her eyes with an arm and simultaneously turned the wheel with the other hand, entering the driveway of the Beaudoin house at an angle and coming to a halt partly on the front lawn. The witness had covered a distance of almost exactly a mile from the Route 114/13 intersection and now she was only 3/4 mile from home. Leaving the engine running and the headlights on, Mrs. Morel said she pushed open the door of the car. At that instant the Beaudoin's growling German Shepherd dashed up to the woman as she got out of the car. Normally afraid of strange dogs, she said she "belted" the animal across the mouth! Though she did not recall running to the house, she began pounding on the kitchen door, ringing the bell and yelling over and over again, "Help me! Help me! Help me!"

Glancing to her right, she noticed the UFO had shifted its position from west to north as if to keep her in view and was now hovering directly across the road opposite the Beaudoin house. The object still emitted its high-pitched whine, which according to Mrs. Morel was becoming almost unbearable. (Mrs. Morel pointed out the globe's new position and Mr. Webb determined an elevation/azimuth of 12°/15°; the object had changed direction from about 280° to 15°, a drastic shift in azimuth of 95°.

After what the witness estimated to be about 2 minutes of attempting to attract the attention of the residents of the house, the door was opened by Mr. Beaudoin as Mrs. Morel began sinking to her knees in almost a faint. The Beaudoins had been asleep upstairs and reluctantly came down in response to the persistent noise at the door. Mrs. Beaudoin said an obviously frightened woman, her eyes wide open with terror, fell into Mr. Beaudoin's arms, crying, "Help me! I'm not drunk! I'm not on drugs! A UFO just tried to pick me up!" Mrs. Beaudoin said the witness was covering her ears but neither she nor her husband remember hearing any unusual sound. Mrs. Morel said that the sound ceased and the numbness or tingling sensation she had experienced vanished after two minutes in the Beaudoin kitchen. However, she became aware of a bright spot much similar to the effect caused by staring too long at a bright light source.

The clock on the kitchen wall read 4:30. Mrs. Beaudoin said the woman's story sounded impossible but she did phone the Goffstown Police Department and reported the occurrence. Goffstown Patrolman Daniel Jubinville, 23, received the call while on routine patrol and proceeded to the Beaudoin house, arriving there at 4:40 a.m. On his way to the door the officer turned off the lights and engine of the Morel car, then heard Mrs. Morel's account. In his report to Mr. Webb he stated: "This writer took note that the subject was quite shaken up and this writer did not note any evidence of alcohol or drug influence."

This, basically, is the "meat" of the Goffstown incident. After officer Jubinville arrived the four went outside and spotted an object whose light seemingly went out when a flashlight was trained on it, and appeared to move slightly, occasionally changing colors. However, in his evaluation of the report, Mr.

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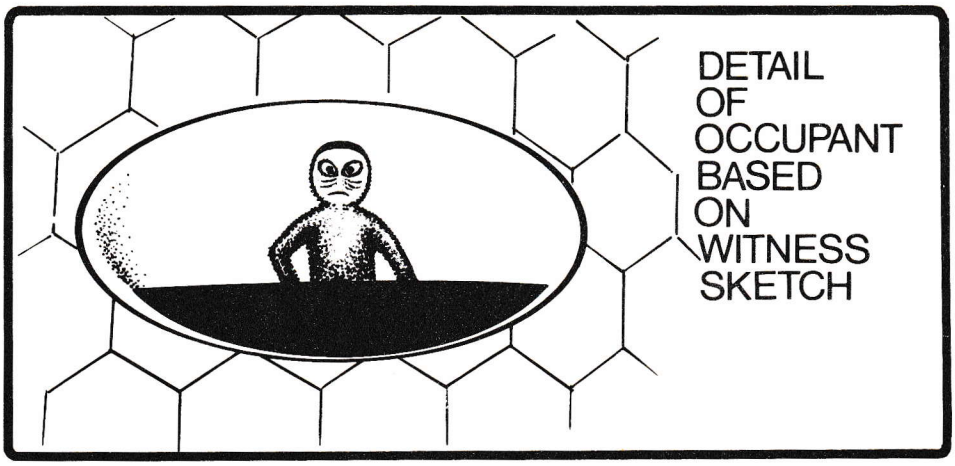

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Webb said: "The multiwitness phase of the sighting, in my judgment, must be ruled ambiguous and therefore nonsupportive of the Morel sighting because (1) the object, as described by all four observers, matched the appearance and behavior of both the planet Mars and the UFO (the latter when seen at a distance) and (2) the planet's known position was too close to the UFO's estimated position to entirely dismiss the planet from contention.

Mr. James worked with Mr. Webb and the witness to execute the artwork which accompanies this report.

# Field Investigators Network

The total number of Field Investigators within the United States at this time is 579. Canada has a total of 42, and all other countries total 81 which gives us a grand total of 712 Field Investigators throughout the world.

The following is a breakdown of the numbers of investigators by State and Country: Alabama, 6; Alaska, 2; Arizona, 32; Arkansas, 10; California, 59; Colorado, 11; Connecticut, 13; Delaware, 1; Washington, D.C., 1; Florida, 25; Georgia, 4; Hawaii, 3; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 25; Indiana, 10; Iowa, 6; Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 5; Louisiana, 6; Maine, 6; Maryland, 13; Massachusetts, 20; Michigan, 15; Minnesota, 15; Mississippi, 8; Missouri, 16; Nevada, 5; New Hampshire, 5; New Jersey, 16; New Mexico, 9; New York, 32; North Carolina, 7; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 26; Oklahoma, 5; Oregon, 8; Pennsylvania, 22; Rhode Island, 8; South Carolina, 6; South Dakota, 2; Tennessee, 5; Texas, 26; Utah, 5; Vermont, 3; Virginia, 8; Washington, 9; West Virginia, 7; Wisconsin, 15; Wyoming, 4.

The breakdown for Canada is as follows: Alberta, 5; British Columbia, 4; Manitoba, 5; New Brunswick, 1; Newfoundland, 2; Nova Scotia, 1; Ontario, 16; Quebec, 6; and Saskatchewan, 2.

The following breakdown for all other countries does not include Members or Representatives: Algeria, 1; Argentina, 2; Australia, 5; Belgium, 6; Bolivia, 2; Brazil, 3; Britain, 6; Ceylon, 1; Chile, 1; Colombia, 2; Costa Rica, 1; Cuba, 1; Denmark, 3; Dominican Republic, 1; Ecuador, 1; Finland, 1; France, 5; Germany, 1; Greece, 5; Guam, 1; Guatamala, 1; Holland, 3; Ireland, 1; Iran, 1; Italy, 1; Japan, 2; Mexico, 7; New Zealand, 1; Peru, 1; Puerto Rico, 6; Rhodesia, 1; Rumania, 3; South Africa, 1; Spain, 3; Sweden, 4; and Switzerland, 2.

By carefully noting the number of qualified Field Investigators in each area, it is easy to see where we need increased representation. New members are still coming in at a rate of 25-30 per week but the numbers generally follow the population concentration pattern; i.e., the greater number of new members are from California, New York, Ohio, etc. We badly need to increase our membership in those areas which show a definite lack. As most of the readers know, we depend on members and subscribers to furnish Headquarters with tips which are then forwarded to Field Investigators for follow-up. We do not like to depend on clippings for current sighting news as quite often they are lacking in detail and/or accurate information.

If any Member, Subscriber or Field Investigator knows of someone who is interested in the UFO subject, but who does not belong to APRO it would be most helpful to recruit that individual. Barring that, names and addresses can be forwarded to Headquarters and promotional literature will be sent out.

If 1974 produces the number of reports which we expect that it will, we must try to plug the "holes" in our investigative network. If we all exert the effort necessary, it can be done. Take the time now to write to your local or regional newspapers, contact TV and radio stations, and get the word out. In those areas where members have done so, there has been a definite rise in membership and an increase in the number of Field Investigators.

# Boys Encounter Landed Object

The following is a condensation of the report filed with Headquarters by Field Investigator Donald R. Carr of Lemon Grove, California. The flashlight, residue and glove used by the boy who rapped on the UFO are in the custody of APRO and Dr. Walter W. Walker, APRO's Consultant in Metallurgy will carry out the tests to determine the composition of the residue.

On the 16th of November, 1973, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Richard T. and Daniel F., both 11 years of age, were playing outside. The sky was overcast. They went down into a vacant area next door to the group of four houses where they live. This vacant area measures approximately 80 x 100 feet, contains a couple of small trees, the ground consists of hard clay covered by dead field grass and it is surrounded by a chain link fence. Several neighboring houses surround the field, about 150 feet distant.

The boys passed through a neighbor's yard on the way to the field, passed a clump of bamboo and then came out into the open where they saw a dark object apparently sitting in the darkened field. They slowly approached the object and after about 5 minutes, Richard, who had a flashlight in his hand, walked up to it and rapped on it three or four times with the flashlight. The rapping made a metallic sound. Immediately, a dome on top of the object which was about as high as its diameter, became illuminated with intense red light, a very brilliant spectral or Chinese red which illuminated the entire area. At the same time the object which had been about 18 inches off the ground, rose up to about three or four feet from the ground whereupon a row of green lights around the peripheral rim of the object started to blink in sequence and the object began to rotate making a sound which resembled "wooooo - shoooo - wooooo - shoooo." The rate of rotation became very high with the red light blinking on and off, then the red light went out momentarily, came back on, and the object rose into the air, still making the sound.

The boys, by then frightened, started to run, felt chills and a tingly feeling, weak "like they were going to black out or die," and "like they were running in slow motion." They said the object took off toward the Southwest, and after they had left the field and got to the street, they saw it disappear into the clouds.

Both of the boys' mothers told Mr. Carr that the boys were not in a habit of telling tall tales and stated that the boys were very excited when they came to the house after their experience.

The object was described as being approximately the size of the living room, kitchen and bathroom area of the houses in which the boys live, which amounts to approximately a twenty foot square area, which indicates that the object would be about 20 feet in diameter. During the interview which took place in the field itself, they estimated the height of the object against an adjacent tree of about 10 or 11feet. The field investigation revealed two holes in the ground six inches by six inches square by six inches deep about six feet eight inches on centers. A third partial depression forming an equilateral triangle with the two holes was apparent on a slight rise of the ground level. The holes were located 40 feet from the back fence and the hole nearest the side fence was about twenty-three feet, three inches from it.

Dead grass in the field seemed to be lying in a counter-clockwide circular pattern. The ground was extremely hard dry clay and the holes appeared to have been sheared by something extremely heavy. Color slide photographs were taken of the reported landing area the next day after a light rain had fallen.

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Residual magnetism was checked in a piece of small diameter pipe lying in the field, and in the chain link fence surrounding the field. Reading on the pipe was -3.5 gauss at one end and +2.5 to +3.5 gauss at the other end, while residual magnetism of the fence was approximately 5.0 gauss, all of which are apparently normal readings.

Mr. Carr also reports that a canvass of the neighborhood adjacent to the landing area revealed the following reports of television interference at 7:20 p.m. on Friday, November 16, which is the approximate time that the boys had their experience:

Mrs. Catherine Chase about 65-70 years old, stated that intense TV interference occurred at approximately 7:20 p.m. on Channel 10.

A daughter of another family, also of Lemon Grove, noted interference at 7:20 p.m.

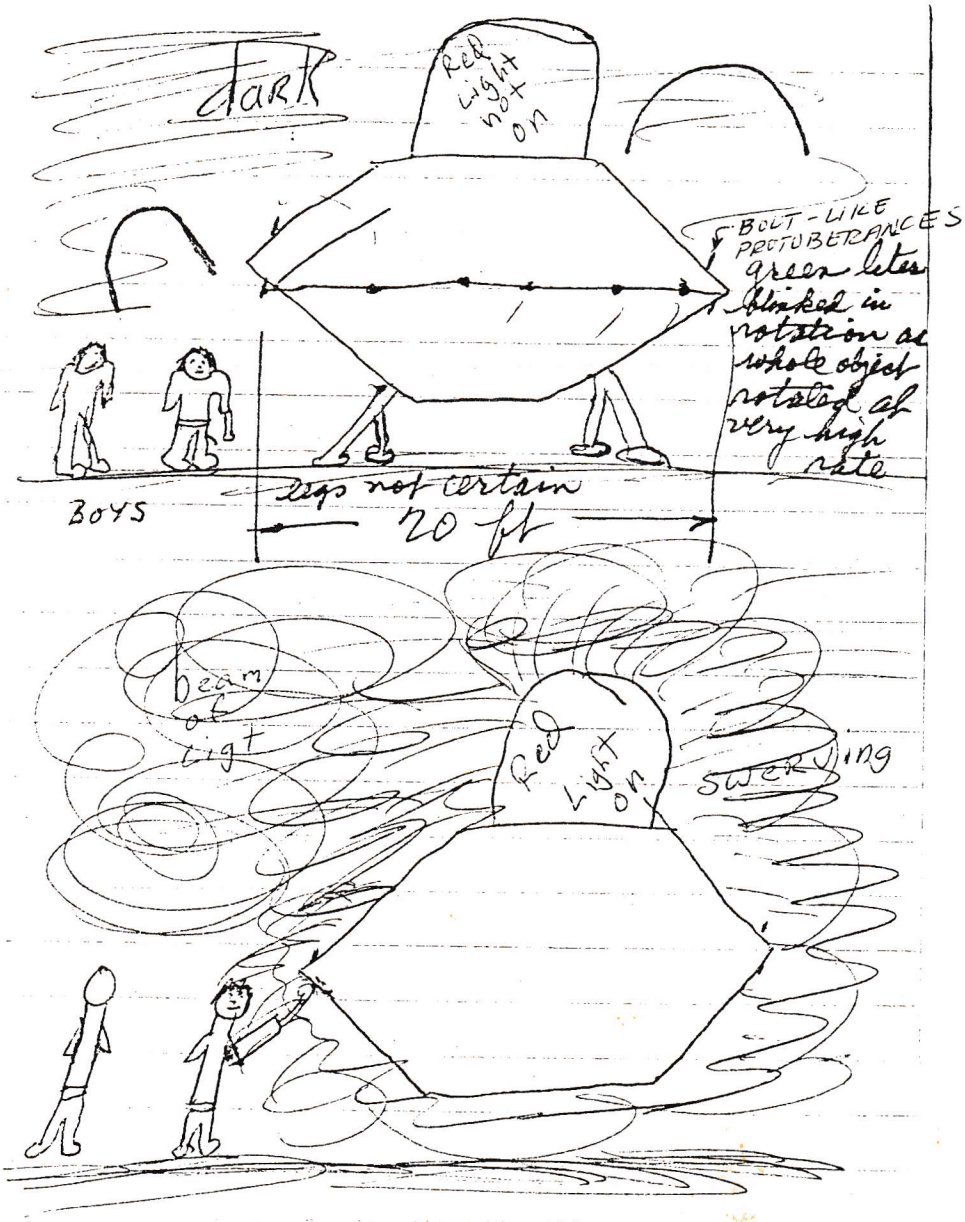
An elderly lady reported intense TV interference shortly after 7 p.m. which was so bad she turned off the set.

Channel 6 went white at one residence on Crane St.

Wavy lines reported on Channel 8 at another Crane St. residence.

Twenty-five other neighbors who were interviewed either didn't remember or didn't have their TV sets turned on.

The names of the two boys are witheld from this report by request. However, we do present the sketch made by one of the boys. Also of much interest to Headquarters is the fact that the X-Axis and the Z-Axis of the Magnetometer at La Posta registered a perturbation at exactly 7:20 p.m. on the night of November 16, 1973. This is extremely interesting to our scientific consulting staff as Headquarters has on file other reports which also include the coincidence of perturbations on magnetometers at the instant of a close approach or landing of a UFO.

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# Celestial Events

February-May 1974

An increase in early morning UFO reports due to misidentifications of the planets Venus and Jupiter can be expected sometime during this period, probably in February-March (1974).

*VENUS* maintains prominence in the morning skies beginning in February at magnitude -3.6, passing maximum brightness of mag. -4.3 on 27 February and leveling off at mag. -3.5 by the end of May. Venus is most distant from the Sun (46°) on 4 April, i.e., greatest West elongation.

*JUPITER* is not visible in February, but thereafter attains prominence as a *morning star* as it moves away from the Sun's glare (mag. -2). *MARS* and *SATURN* are not notable. Stars *SIRIUS* and *CANOPUS* reach their zenith in the evening.

Three significant *CONJUNCTIONS* occur in February-May:

Venus 4°N. of Moon,
0233 UT, 19 Feb.
Venus 1°S. of Moon.
2226 UT, 19 Mar.
Venus 1.1°N. of Jupiter,
0221 UT, 15 Apr.*

(1° = 2 lunar diameters.) (*Planets will be in proximity for several days around indicated date.)

Major *METEOR SHOWERS* occur on about 19-24 April (*Lyrid* maximum on 22 Apr.) and 1-8 May (*Eta Aquarid* maximum on 5 May). Moonlight will only interfere with the *Eta Aquarids* shower. *COMET KOHOUTEK* (1973f) has failed to fulfill earlier predictions of spectacular brilliance and is now invisible to the unaided eye. However, at least one UFO report (Albany, Oregon, 5 January 1974) is attributable to the misidentification of the comet.

B. C. Sparks

Astronomical Ephemeris[2]
(February-May 1974)

Moon[1]

| Date (0000 UT) | GHA | Dec | Frac. Ill. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Feb | 84° | +21° | 57% |
| 3 | 55 | +24 | 78 |
| 5 | 26 | +20 | 94 |

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| 7 | 357 | +12 | 100 |
| 9 | 332 | 0 | 94 |
| 11 | 308 | -11 | 79 |
| 13 | 284 | -19 | 60 |
| 15 | 260 | -23 | 40 |
| 17 | 236 | -23 | 23 |
| 19 | 213 | -19 | 9 |
| 21 | 191 | - 1 | 2 |
| 23 | 170 | - 2 | 1 |
| 25 | 149 | + 8 | 8 |
| 27 | 126 | +16 | 22 |
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| 9 | 352 | - 3 | 99 |
| 11 | 328 | -13 | 91 |
| 13 | 303 | -21 | 76 |
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| 4 | 31 | -10 | 93 |
| 6 | 6 | -18 | 100 |
| 8 | 341 | -23 | 97 |
| 10 | 316 | -22 | 87 |
| 12 | 293 | -18 | 72 |
| 14 | 272 | -11 | 54 |
| 16 | 251 | - 2 | 35 |
| 18 | 230 | + 8 | 17 |
| 20 | 206 | +17 | 4 |
| 22 | 179 | +22 | 0 |
| 24 | 150 | +22 | 6 |
| 26 | 121 | +17 | 22 |
| 28 | 96 | + 7 | 44 |
| 30 | 72 | - 4 | 66 |
| 1 Jun | 49 | -13 | 84 |

| Date (0000 UT) | Canopus GHA | Dec |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Feb. | 35° | -53° |
| 1 March | 63 | -53 |
| 1 Apr | 93 | -53 |
| 1 May | 123 | -53 |
| 1 Jun | 153 | -53 |

| | Jupiter | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Feb | 167° | -15° |
| 1 Mar | 188 | -13 |
| 1 Apr | 212 | -10 |
| 1 May | 235 | - 8 |
| 1 Jun | 262 | - 7 |

| | Sirius | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Feb | 30° | -17° |
| 1 Mar | 57 | -17 |
| 1 Apr | 88 | -17 |
| 1 May | 118 | -17 |
| 1 Jun | 148 | -17 |

| | Sun | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Feb | 177° | -17° |
| 1 Mar | 177 | - 8 |
| 1 Apr | 179 | + 4 |
| 1 May | 181 | +15 |
| 1 Jun | 181 | +22 |

| | Venus | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Feb | 191° | -13° |
| 1 Mar | 217 | -15 |
| 1 Apr | 223 | -12 |
| 1 May | 222 | - 3 |
| 1 Jun | 220 | +10 |

[1]Dates (UT) of lunar phases: Full Moon (100% illumination) 6 February, 8 March, 6 April, 6 May; Last Quarter (50% ill.) 14 February, 15 March, 14 April, 14 May; New Moon (0% ill.) 22 February, 23 March, 22 April, 21 May; First Quarter (50% ill.) 1 March, 31 March, 29 April, 28 May.

[2]North latitude and declination is positive (+). South is negative (-). GHA increases *about* 360° per day; multiples of 360° are subtracted from angles greater than 360°. See the January-February 1973 *APRO Bulletin* (pp. 8-9) for detailed explanation.

Formulas:

LHA = GHA - West Long.
LHA = GHA + East Long.
sin Alt. = (sin Dec.)X(sin Lat.) + (cos Dec.)X(cos LHA)X(cos Lat.)
sin Az. = -(cos Dec.) X (sin LHA) ÷ (cos Alt.)

*MAGNITUDE*-- An inverse logarithmic measure of brightness. A mag. +1 star is about 2.5 times *brighter* than a mag. +2 star, and about 2.5 X 2.5 = 6.3 times brighter than mag. +3, etc.

*UNIVERSAL TIME*-- Subtract the following hours to convert UT to local standard time in the Western Hemisphere: AST 4; EST 5; CST 6; MST 7; PST 8; YST 9; AHST 10. Daylight time is 1 hour less than the numbers indicated. Elsewhere, see *The Nautical Almanac.*

Correction

The formula for the sine of azimuth given in Celestial Events (September-October 1973 *APRO Bulletin*] omitted a minus sign (-) to the right-hand side of the equation.

# Notice:

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# Correction:

Dr. Robert Woods, one of APRO's Consultants in Physics, was listed as Director of Research and Development for McDonnell Aircraft in our November-December issue when his consultancy was announced. Actually, his current title is Assistant Director of the Site Defense Program for McDonnell.

# Panel Discussion in Tucson

On February 7th, 1974, Daniel Harris, one of APRO's Consultants in Astronpmy, chaired a panel discussion on UFOs in the Auditorium of the Optical Sciences Building on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson. The panel members were APRO's International Director, L. J. Lorenzen, the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lorenzen, James Stavem, a Tucson Field Investigator, and Dr. Walter W. Walker, APRO's Consultant in Metallurgy.

Mr. Harris led off the evening's program with a general introduction to the subject, Dr. Walker spoke about physical evidence which he had examined on behalf of APRO and Mrs. Lorenzen gave a run-down on what is generally known about UFOs. Mr. Stavem spoke about APRO's methods in investigating reports and related his experiences as a Field Investigator on the local scene. Mr. Lorenzen displayed a series of slides of purported UFO photos and his presentation was followed by a general discussion and responses to questions from the audience.

The auditorium holds 200 people (seated) but between 50 and 100 individuals sat or stood around the room or in the aisles in order to hear the program. It was generally well received and audience questions reflected genuine curiosity and interest.

# Object Over Indiana Reservoir

Field Investigator A.V. McDowell has forwarded the following information concerning a sighting on October 18, 1973:

Herchel Fueston, a Patrolman for the Noblesville, Indiana, Police Department was on routine patrol when he arrived at the Morse Reservoir, South Harbor addition to the City of Noblesville at 11:30 p.m. He had checked his watch when he parked his patrol car since he was to be at that position for approximately one hour; this would tend to accurately pinpoint the time at which the sighting began.

Immediately after checking the time he turned his spotlight on in order to alert a security guard in the area of his arrival and position. His attention at this time was drawn to the sky where he observed a cigar-shaped object at about a 45-degree angle from his position in the northeast sector of the sky. Upon sighting the object, he turned his spotlight toward the object. The lights on the object prior to this were bright orange. As soon as he shone his spotlight in the direction of the object it began to move in a southwesterly direction and at the same time the lights on the object became brighter.

The object was estimated to be at an altitude of 1500-2000 feet but began to descend coming directly over the patrol car, continued in the same direction until it reached about tree-top altitude, then moved away in level flight. The time of the sighting was about two minutes of which time approximately 1 1/2 minutes it was stationary.

As the object came directly overhead the observer saw what he thought was a row of portholes but no color or markings were observed.

Prior to and after the sighting there was a heavy fog with no stars, moon or planets visible. The only light in the sky was that of the object. Officer Fueston stated that he patrolled this area every night and was familiar with all the lights in the area (which are few) and that this light was not caused by any artificial means from the ground.

A family which lives in the area of the reservoir also observed the object and Mr. McDowell is attempting to reach them for an interview.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Please include old and new zip codes when relaying address changes to the Headquarters office. It will help make routine work much more pleasant and expedite your change of address.

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# Flight Crew Sighting in Florida

*Southernaire*, the publication of Southern Airways, related the following information in its December, 1973 issue: The Tallahassee FAA tower notified a Southern DC9 aircrew on November 12, 1973, that a UFO was under observation by tower personnel.

Captain R. C. Cook and crew were deplaning passengers and unloading cargo from Charter Flight 730 when a Tallahassee FAA employee came to the plane and notified them that the tower had seen a UFO pass over the city doing about 2,000 miles per hour at an altitude of 3,000 feet. Ten minutes later when the plane taxied out to Runway 36 with a clearance for their ferry flight to Atlanta, Georgia, Cook asked the tower if the object was still in sight and was told that there was still visual contact and the object was southwest of the field and low over the trees. Cook asked for clearance for a left turn to 240 degrees heading after take-off. Just after completing the turn they said they sighted a round, glowing object low on the horizon and climbing away from them.

The object involved was a spherical, glowing light which was pulsating from very bright to quite dim but always visible. The color would change from bright red to white with occasional light yellow or green flashes. Cook estimated his distance from the object to be about 15 miles which remained constant during the entire sighting.

Flight 730 continued its run into the southwest, climbing to the assigned altitude of 20,000 feet, keeping the object in sight. At this point Jacksonville Center asked Cook to contact the Tyndall Approach Control as they also had visual contact with the object. Tyndall confirmed that they had visual contact but would not verify radar contact. By this time Flight 730 was passing through 18,000 feet with the object maintaining its position at 15 miles distant and climbing as they climbed. Tyndall Control requested that Cook contact Panama City as they had the object in sight and wanted to talk about it. Flight 730 leveled off at 20,000 feet with the object leveling off also but about 1,000 feet above the aircraft and still approximately 15 miles distant.

When Cook contacted Panama City the flight was about 10 miles NE of Panama City airport and just north of Tyndall. The Control Tower at Panama City informed Cook that they were watching the same object and had two more low over the Bay and asked if Cook could see them. However, from their altitude Flight 730 could not locate them and at this time the object being tracked by Flight 730 was continuing out over the Gulf and they could not close on it.

At this time Cook realized that the object was not going to allow him to close on it so he asked for clearance to Atlanta. Clearance to La Grange was received and when a turn to the north had been completed Cook noted that the object had reversed its course also and it followed Flight 730 northbound maintaining the same distance from them and after crossing the coastline it again began a westward descent.

Cook asked that Jacksonville Center alert their PNS people in the hope that they might continue the observation and then he turned his attention to his flight and the object was no longer seen.

# Tennessee Report

Although it will be some time before the hundreds of reports emanating from the period of August 31 through December 31, 1974, are fully digested, some quite interesting sightings are worth the space in the Bulletin, of which the following is one:

On the 17th of October at approximately 7 p.m. a "frantic sounding woman"called the city police of Alton Park, Tennessee (near Chattanooga) and reported that she had just seen an unidentified object land in an area near the Charles A. Bell Elementary School.

Fire and Police Commissioner Gene Roberts rushed to the area and directed a search of the area along with Sgt. Lester Shell. Results of the search were inconclusive, police said, but numerous scraps of paper and other debris were reportedly seen dangling from the tops of trees in the immediate area and other bits of debris were scattered about the ground.

The initial report from the unidentified woman described a glowing, cigar-shaped object. Sgt. Shell gave a similar description of the object which he saw rising from the woods near the school after he arrived on the scene. The object flew off and went out of sight behind Missionary Ridge. At the same time, another call came into police headquarters from Fire Hall 14 in St. Elmo where Captain Oscar Eaves reported that he and a crew of five firemen had seen an object hovering over a nearby church for some 20 minutes. Eaves said the object appeared to be luminous and oblong shaped. He also said that the object went over a ridge separating Alton Park from St. Elmo, and appeared to be heading northeast. Police later said that such a path would have placed the object in the vicinity of the Charles A. Bell School at the exact time the woman reported it.

This series of sightings indicates that perhaps several people in the same area viewed the same object at the same time.

# Reports from Peru

APRO Representative Joaquin Vargas Figallo has kindly furnished the following information concerning recent UFO happenings in his country:

A disc-shaped object replete with dome and what could be interpreted as portholes, was allegedly photographed by Hugo Luyo Vega, a 54-year-old Peruvian architect at 3:15 on the afternoon of Friday, October 19. Luyo was accompanied by an unidentified friend when they saw the luminous object which they said moved slowly and approached to within a distance of some 50 meters away and 20 meters above the ground.

Luyo claimed that he was on the central highway near Cocachacra when he spotted the object and that he used a Polaroid camera with black and white film. APRO Headquarters is attempting to obtain a print of the photograph which shows the object silhouetted against the landscape behind it. The newspaper photo is of poor quality and not reproduceable in the Bulletin.

On the night of December 19 a group of young people who were golfing at the Los Incas Golf Club reported that they had witnessed the appearance of an oval-shaped object at about 7:15 p.m. but attached no importance to it. Then, at approximately 10:40 the object showed up again, this time hovering overhead and making a noise (not described). According to the golf instructor, Francisco Huamantinco, the object appeared to be about the size of an automobile.

The United Press International editor, Hubert Cam, also reported that he observed an object crossing the sky at 9:50 p.m. giving off various colors.

After sighting an unconventional aerial object shortly after taking off from the airport at Trujillo, Captain Jorge Salgado, pilot of a DC-6. said: "I am totally certain that it was no conventional aircraft that was sighted following in a parallel direction to that of the plane I was flying on a routine flight from Tumbes to Lima".

Just a few minutes after leaving Trujillo at 8:30 p.m. setting a course due south near Paramonga and at an altitude of 10,000 feet, Salgado was surprised by an intermittent and intense light from an object which darted about the plane and lit up the interior of the cockpit.

Salgado called the attention of the stewardesses who also observed it. Ultimately several passengers in the area immediately adjacent to the cockpit also viewed the object and all admitted they could not describe it physically-the glow was so bright they could make out no form behind it. The object accompanied the plane on its flight for approximately 20 minutes while Salgado called the Lima Airport and described (or tried to) what was happening. When he landed at Lima Salgado made his report which was later carried in the press.

# Possible Hoax

The November-December issue of the *Bulletin* carried the account of the alleged kidnapping of truckdriver Dionisio Llanca at Bahia, Blanca, Argentina (Page 7, Column 1). The entire account was initially carried in a November issue of *Impactos*, an Argentinian magazine and was translated by a local (Tucson) translator.

The initial information seemed fairly reasonable and the description of the UFO occupants correlated with that of the occupants involved in the now famous Villas-Boas affair (September 1957). On January 20, 1974, a United Press International wire story out of Buenos Aires added further details, to wit: That a team of 6 doctors who had been treating Llanca for nervous shock, had resorted to the use of sodium pentothal. Under the influence of the drug, the story said, Llanca had revealed that he had been taken aboard the "space ship" by alien beings and held for an hour and a half. The article also quoted Llanca as saying that while he was on board, the ship had connected a hose to high tension wires and another to a small lagoon, "apparently to take on electrical power." The UPI story relied on Buenos Aires' daily newspaper, La Nacion, for their details. La Nacion said that a local electric company had reported a sharp and unexplained rise in power consumption at the time that Llanca was aboard the ship. Dr. Eduardo Mata, supposedly one of the doctors treating Llanca, said that Llanca could not remember anything of his stay aboard the ship while conscious. Mata also said that Llanca had described the aliens' voices as "humming" noises which were made intelligible to him by a loudspeaker. The aliens allegedly told Llanca that they had been trying since 1960 to ascertain whether or not humans could survive in their galaxy, and that earth was due to suffer grave events in the future which might entirely destroy it.

Since the January 20 UFO story, APRO has had a Field Investigator interviewing people connected with the case, and at this writing there is some indication that the whole story may have been concocted in order to publicize a forthcoming book and that one of the Doctors is among the conspirators.

APRO will continue its investigation of this interesting case and try to determine if it is in part or wholly authentic or a complete hoax.

# California Object Identified

In early February ABC newscaster Paul Harvey announced that an unidentified underwater object had been found in the Long Beach Harbor "under many years of mud" which showed no signs of corrosion. The object was described as a 10-15 foot-long cylinder.

Headquarters asked Consultant Dr. Robert Woods to investigate the incident and he determined that the object was actually a detection device for mines, made of non-magnetic material and therefore was resistant to corrosion. A device used by the Navy, it had been in the Harbor for 14 years.

# New Office

On the first of March, 1973, APRO moved its business office. However, the mailing address remains the same, which is the Lorenzens' home address.

The APRO office is now in a building of its own which includes a storage room. In addition to the usual office paraphernalia a refrigerator was installed for storage of tapes.

Out of town members are welcome to visit the new headquarters and we request only that they call ahead of time so that they are expected. The business office is closed on Saturdays and Sundays but the Lorenzens can be reached via the office extension in their home.

# Early 1973 Flap In Australia

Field Investigator William Chaulker, one of our newer investigators in Australia has forwarded a 50-page report describing the intense UFO concentration on certain areas of New South Wales. Mr. Chalker has, to date, investigated 60 cases in his area and when the formal report with full details is received by Headquarters, the best cases will be presented in the *Bulletin*. The report indicates that from January through August at least some UFOs were concentrating their attention on one small area in New South Wales.

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